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No One Dances Alone
Attendees of No One Dances Alone danced the night away at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, April 12. See page 2 to read about the fundraiser and Abbey Retreat Centre's name change. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

National Volunteer Week

Volunteers help optimize health care delivery

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

To say volunteers are important to health care is an understatement.

Lauren Ernst, the communications and employee experience lead at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said the work of volunteers in varied capacities is impactful and makes a difference to patients and staff.

This year's National Volunteer Week theme of Every Moment Matters.

"Each of our incredible volunteers walk the talk of this statement beyond measure," Ernst said.

"Whether taking a shift in the gift shop, offering valuable input on a committee, supporting our long-term care homes, the auxiliary, in hospice, on the road delivering food, or supporting our community support services programs, our volunteers offer a compassionate perspective, a warm smile, valuable insights, and are appreciated more than words can say."

More than 200 volunteers give their time and energy between HHHS and the HHHS Foundation to optimize health care in the region.

Some of our longest-serving volunteers have been taking part however they've been needed since the 1980s.

Whether a team member for decades or days, the compassion, dedication, and ongoing commitment by volunteers to the Highlands is second to none, she said.

"We are always looking to welcome more volunteers into the family," Ernst said. "Specifically in community support services, long-term care, and within the hospital itself."

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Below, Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre, previously Abbey Retreat Centre, executive director Barb Smith Morrison announces the organization's new name during No One Dances Alone, a fundraiser event and concert held at the Haliburton Legion on Friday, April 12. The night featured performances by Adverse Conditions and the priMates. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

What's in a name?

We did it! After four months of listening, creativity, engaging discussions and discernment and *so much community support,* the decision has been made. Within the next few months, Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) will officially change our name to Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre.

The name is inspired by the two "singing" brooks on either side of the retreat centre that evoke a sense of deep connection with nature, calm and flowing energy, and the stories or songs that each one of us have to tell about our lives.

"Our new name reflects both our beautiful location and the peacefulness that participants experience on retreat. This name provides a great foundation to move forward as we continue to create a legacy-making and life-changing impact for future participants facing a cancer diagnosis," said Lynda Shephard, chair of the ARC Board of Directors. "While we share the grounds with Abbey Gardens and have a close working relationship with them, we are two different organisations and know that our new name of Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre will help remove any confusion within the community and help both organisations grow."

Located in Haliburton, and surrounded by lush forests, brooks and ponds, Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre (formerly known as Abbey Retreat Centre) provides a variety of in-person and online retreats and programs that offer renewal, companionship, and evidence-informed practices that tend body, mind, and soul in the midst of a cancer diagnosis. We are unique in our approach which includes support people/caregivers who also find solace and community with people who are going through the same challenging cancer experience. Although there are no fees associated with participating in one of our retreats or online gatherings, it takes a generous and caring community to financially support our programs. We are grateful to all who contribute financially and to our volunteers, who ensure no one walks alone through a cancer experience.

"Working alongside a group of dedicated community volunteers, Thea and I were honoured to help in the creation of the Abbey Retreat Centre in 2016," said John Patterson, Founder and ongoing ARC supporter. "We are thrilled to see how much it has grown and look forward to watching Brooksong expand into our next phase, while continuing the goal of the transformation and strengthening of whole-person (body, mind and soul) cancer care."

Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre (formerly known as Abbey Retreat Centre) offers a whole-person approach to health and wellbeing. We serve people at any stage of a cancer diagnosis, as well as their key support people or caregivers.

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Time will tell how much revenue MAT will generate, says Ovell

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Short-term rentals booked before October will not be subjected to the municipal accommodation tax.

That includes rentals booked for 2025 dates if the booking is made before October when the short-term rental (STR) bylaw and its municipal accommodation tax (MAT) are slated to be enacted.

Scott Ovell, Haliburton County's economic development and tourism director, told Highlands East's council April 9 that the four per cent MAT can only be implemented by the lower tier municipalities.

Haliburton County isn't permitted to introduce a countywide tax.

"If implemented, it is a mandatory tax," he said.

It's a mechanism by which townships have the authority to give MAT exemptions to operators, issue penalties for STR bylaw infractions, and initiate audits and inspections of STR operations and their properties.

At least 50 per cent of the MAT has to be kicked up to a non-profit tourism entity to be created by the county for the local tourism industry's promotion and development.

The tax is collected by the STR host and then it's remitted to the third-party host hired by the county.

Ovell said implementation of the MAT should coincide with the enactment of the STR bylaw, which is in October.

"Any booking made prior to the implementation date of the (STR) bylaw wouldn't be subject to the MAT," Ovell said. "Just from a collection and budgetary standpoint, that's a really important piece to keep in mind."

He said that anybody who books a STR for 2025, if the booking is made before October this year, would not have to pay the MAT.

"So there will be a kind of a transition period," he said.

Next steps in what has been an arduous process thus far is for the municipalities to pass the MAT and put the levers in place to direct half of the tax to the municipal services corporation not yet created by the county. That's the body that will use MAT contributions for tourism promotion.

"County staff would then begin drafting a service agreement that would obviously operate between the municipal services corporation and the townships," Ovell said.

"Ideally we would have a fairly consistent agreement across all four local municipalities."

He said it could take as long as 18 months after the STR bylaw is enacted before there's a solid understanding of the amount of revenue to be generated by the MAT.

"This is something we'll be reviewing all the time and seeing the impacts of it, both good and bad," he said.

It isn't something that can be implemented and then change direction if results aren't what's expected after 10 months.

"It's going to require some patience to really fully grasp what those revenue generating opportunities are," Ovell said.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said the MAT is going to be one of the most controversial taxes council could put on the books, especially for STR owners.

"Having said that, it's something that we probably will have to do and I don't see any way around it," Ryall said.

He asked if there's a way to get a clearer idea of what initial start-up costs for municipalities to get the call rolling.

Ovell said that's something that's in the works.

Ryall said township council would like to get started managing STRs.

"But the idea was that none of this would be a burden on those taxpayers who are not directly associated with STRs," Ryall said.

> ***"Ideally we would have a fairly consistent agreement across all four local municipalities."***
>
> — Scott Ovell, county economic development and tourism director

OPP investigating mischief to educational facility

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are seeking assistance in identifying the suspect(s) responsible for mischiefs which have occurred at an educational facility in Haliburton County.

There have been two reported incidents of graffiti type damage to the educational facility over the last week. Haliburton Highlands OPP is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible.

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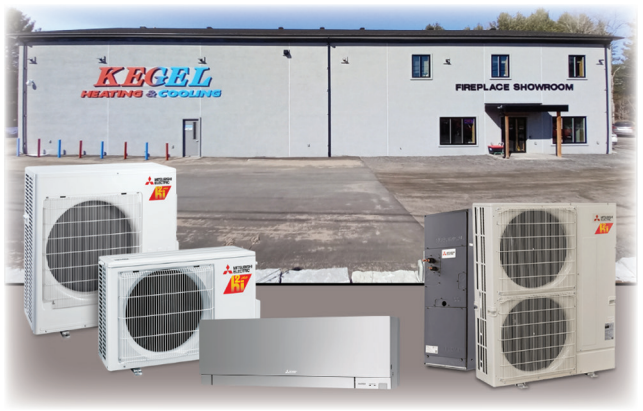

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Trout hatchery continues focus on Paudash Lake

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Paudash Lake in Highlands East has been the largest recipient of trout released from the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery.

Highlands East township council heard during its meeting April 9 that about 146,000 fish have been released into local lakes since the group started.

Of that tally, 86 per cent are lake trout which are released into lakes that are deemed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to be natural reproducing lake trout lakes, said Fred McConnell, a director at the community hatchery.

"That's a very large number, as you can imagine," he said. "Our focus is to make sure that those populations of fish are viable long-term."

In the Highlands East area, lakes in which the group has released trout include Dark Lake, Hudson Lake, and Paudash Lake.

"Those three lakes together represent just over a quarter of all the fish that we've stocked, Paudash Lake being the lions share with just under 32,000 fish that we've put into that lake," he said.

Ian Hendry, a volunteer at the hatchery, said it costs an average of about $6 to produce and release one fish. The Paudash Lake work alone has cost the group about $190,000.

The hatchery's largest annual fundraiser is a community dinner. This year's edition of it will take place July 13 at the curling club in Bancroft.

Hendry updated council on the organization's work producing "local fish for local lakes" since 2007.

The hatchery raises and releases as many as 8,000 fish in an average year, he said. Those are lake trout and brook trout. They added about 1,400 brown trout into Eels Creek one year.

Eggs are retrieved from three local donor lakes. The fished raised is known as the Bancroft Jewel and is a uniquely locally adapted strain of lake trout, he said.

"The genetics of these fish trace all the way back to the Ice Age," Hendry said.

The facility is rather unique and there are only a handful of its kind in all of Ontario.

Water is obtained from five groundwater wells and it has electronic monitoring systems that enables control of the water temperature.

"Our fish are eating machines," Hendry said. "They're eating all year long. And we're proud to say that we raise and release the largest fish in Ontario from our hatchery here in Bancroft."

Hendry said the survival rate at the hatchery is an incredible 85 per cent.

"In the wild, it would be the opposite," he said. "Eighty per cent of them would be dying. Only 20 per cent (would survive)."

Hendry said the group will return to Paudash Lake in about a month.

Mayor Dave Burton said Paudash Lake is special to him and the work done by the hatchery is appreciated by the lake's association of property owners.

Burton said he'd like to be part of the work to release the next number of trout into the lake.

"Maybe if you guys come forward with a bit of a request, I think there is some funding out there for you," he said. "And maybe I could come with a cheque when we go to put the fish in the lake."

Hendry said it's a great experience to release the fish after the time and work raising them.

"To me, it's kind of like Christmas Day," he said. "You're seeing them go free for the very first time."

Taken by Storm

Cheryl Smith's U13 LL Highland Storm team travelled to Caledon for a fun filled year end tournament. Storms first game was against Halton Hills where we took the win 5-2. Saturday mornings game was against the Applewood Coyotes which Storm dominated winning 9-1. That afternoon Storm qualified for semi finals on Sunday with an 11-1 win against the Caledon Hawks with a memorable smooth Michigan being delivered by our own Bently Bull. Early Sunday morning Storm took on the Durham Crusaders Blue team in a close game pulling off a 4-2 win putting them in the Championship game. Storms 5th and final game was against the Durham Crusaders green team. All Storm players brought their A game and beat Durham in a close game winning Gold 1-0. /Photo submitted

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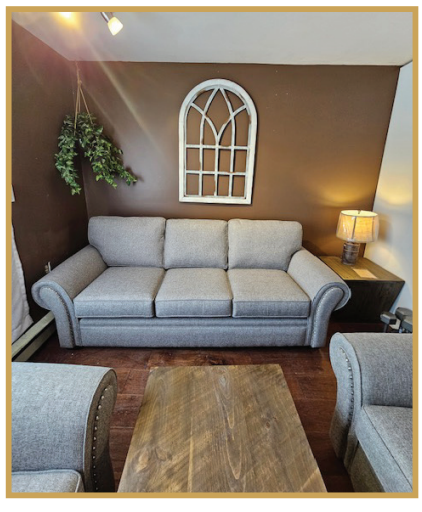

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BAO Beauty Clinic finds a new home

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Jenn Emmerson, owner of BAO Beauty Clinic, stands at the front desk of the clinic's new location at 218 Highland Street in Haliburton. /Photo submitted

The new storefront for BAO Beauty Clinic is a dream come true for owner Jenn Emmerson.

For the past four years, she's been working as a cosmetic nurse, balanced with nursing in hospitals before opening BAO in 2021.

"When I started my career in cosmetic nursing in February of 2020 I worked for an existing clinic. It was a great opportunity for me to have a mentor while entering into this new and exciting nursing field," she said.

Emmerson knew right away that she wanted cosmetics to be the focus of her career, and there was no better place to do it than Haliburton County.

"Growing up my family lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, we spent our summers visiting our extended family in Ontario and every so often renting a cottage in the Haliburton area. We moved to Haliburton in 2005 when I started University," Emmerson said. "I quickly fell even more in love with the area and the community. It was an easy decision to put down roots after meeting my husband."

With a business so important to her, an important name was needed, too.

"BAO represents the names of our children, Brooks, Ashton and Olivia," Emmerson said.

The clinic is now located at 218 Highland Street.

They currently has three nursing staff members and four estheticians.

"If you have had the pleasure of meeting our team you will quickly appreciate how much our staff values providing professional and high quality services," she said.

The team offers manicures, pedicures, waxing/sugaring, facials and lash services, cosmetic injectables, laser hair removal, skin tightening/resurfacing, IPL and more.

"All of our services are Health Canada approved in order to provide safe options to our clientele," Emmerson said.

The grand opening of BAO Beauty Clinic was a huge success on March 23.

"Having the opportunity to show the community the clinic space and talk about services we offer added to our opening Month excitement. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and anyone who wasn›t able to make it out to the Grand Opening is welcome to pop in at any point and meet our staff and see the location."

The clinic's summer hours will soon be announced on social media @baobeautyclinic and their mailing list.

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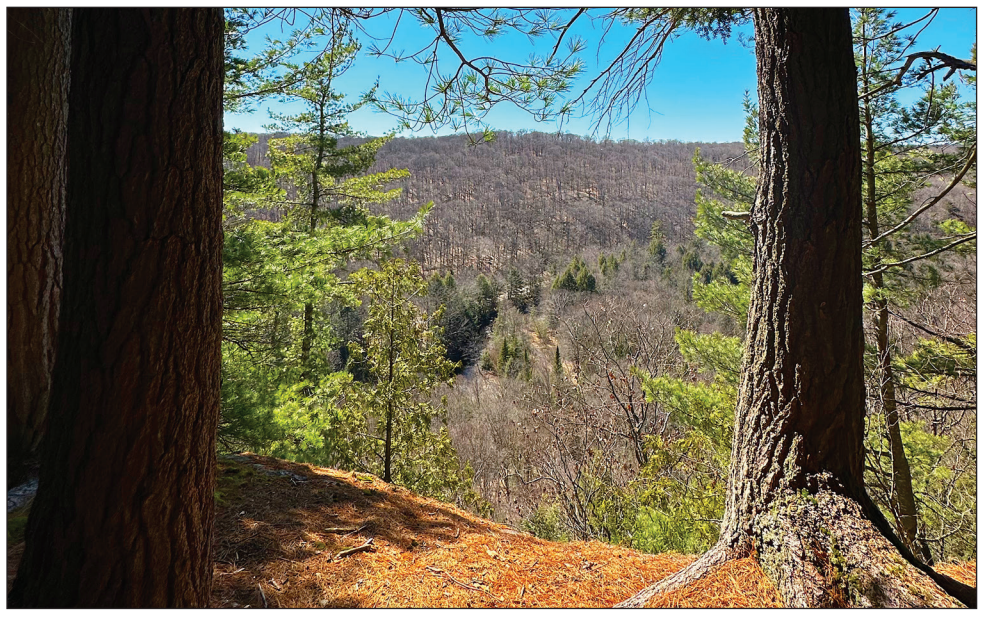

A sunny Saturday on the Crests of Kennisis Trial. by Vivian Collings

Minden leads the way in fire safety

MINDEN HILLS has been working hard at getting ahead to prevent fire fatalities in their township.

Of course safety is top of mind for all our municipalities, but the rest of the county should take notes to follow through with similar programs.

Minden's new one is simple but effective.

Last week, I met their acting fire chief Robert Thibert to chat about the department's new program.

He recently arrived to the community from Chatham-Kent with new ideas in tow.

vivian collings

Editorial

SAFE, Smoke Alarms for Everyone, was recently launched under his leadership and with the support of Minden Hills council.

The program is meant to educate residents about smoke detector guidelines and equip households in need of working detectors.

Minden Home Hardware donated 250 smoke detectors to the program.

"We've developed a community safety team with five firefighters, and when a smoke alarm program request comes in, we send the team to go and engage in some fire safety communications and install one free of charge if needed," Thibert said.

Thibert said the community is no stranger to fatal fires.

There were two in Minden alone last year.

"My goal when I came here was to bring that number to zero and have it remain there."

This is what we need in Dysart, Highlands East, and Algonquin Highlands, too.

If there's a way to prevent death, the opportunity should be grabbed ASAP.

Thibert said dysfunctional smoke alarms are the leading cause of fatalities.

Statistics Canada says one in 10 residential fires in Canada occur in a building with no working fire alarm.

Most fatal fires occur at night when residents are asleep.

That means no warning to one in 10 households.

In Ontario, homes must have a working smoke alarm on each story and one outside of all sleeping areas.

Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries usually only last 10 years or less.

It seems like such a simple fix, and one that should be on all residents themselves.

Testing an alarm is the simple press of a button.

Keeping them up to date is an easy trip to the store to either buy a new one or purchase replacement batteries.

But what about those with a tight budget for essentials like food?

Thibert said it's unfair to expect people to choose between safety and feeding their families.

"If a smoke alarm is $40 and a family is tight on groceries, food will likely take priority for them."

And that's exactly why Minden Hills has adopted this program.

Can the rest of the county hop on the same wagon?

Obviously it'll take resources and other generous donors to make it happen, but it's an important project to take on.

If Minden can do it, we can too.

"Our utmost priority is the safety of residents and visitors," Thibert said. "We hope we can be the inspiration for more programs like this one."

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A community of listeners

MARK NEPO is a poet and philosopher who has taught in the fields of poetry and spirituality for over thirty years. I recently heard him quoted as saying, "To listen is to lean in softly with the willingness to be changed by what we hear."

He, and many others, talk about the greatest way in which we show someone that we love them, is to listen to them.

To really lean in, slow down and be present with the person who is telling their story.

And somehow we are changed when we listen. The Brooksong Retreat and Cancer Support Centre (formerly ARC) exists to listen to people who are living with cancer and their caregiver.

To give people the space to share their story, to be heard and be held. Brooksong provides a warm, nurturing, peaceful and caring place for people to rest and be cared for.

Tales from the great

lynda shadbolt

Green meadow

This past Friday, 16 musicians came together to raise funds to support Brooksong. Many volunteers helped to set up the legion, serve food, decorate, donate items for an auction and dance all to support Brooksong.

Kids and adults attended and there was joy and love present in the room. Stories were shared as people helped out and danced and connected with each other.

And we all listened when Barb, the executive director of Brooksong, introduced the new name and process of choosing it. Everyone listened.

We are a community of listeners and I wonder if that is why so much good work happens in our county. We listen to each other's stories.

On Saturday, I attended the Haliburton International Film Festival and Doc(k) Day at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

The event was pretty much sold out and over 200 people sat and listened to stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. The five movies that were shown were all excellent and worth checking out if you haven't seen them.

One highlight for me was watching the movie The Movie Man about Keith Stata who built, owns and runs the Highlands Cinema in Kinmount. The movie took five years to make and tell his story as he builds the theatre, how he copes through COVID, his love of movies and cats and what it is like to have a movie theatre in the middle of the woods in a small town.

At the end of the movie the audience rose to give a heart felt, booming standing applause for Keith as he came into the theatre and on to the stage to answer questions about his life and his theatre.

I just love how we listen. We all get quiet, we lean in and we take in the stories with our hearts. And then we remember that each of us are ordinary people and in our own ways are making a difference in the lives of our families, our friends and our communities.

We are inspired and we are inspiring. It all begins with listening.

Thank you to everyone who supported Brooksong on Friday evening, and to everyone who organized and attended HIFF Doc(k) Day on Saturday. We are a community of listeners.

points of view

Home improvement

steve galea

Loon Tales

YESTERDAY, JENN and I went to one of our local hardware establishments with the intention of buying a new kitchen garbage can. In all fairness, I did not know this at the time.

Fair warning: this will be the subject of the next 500 words.

Before I begin, however, I want to tell young people, not to feel bad. This is not how things are in the real world.

My life isn't always this glamourous. I'm not out there buying new, brushed nickle, foot-activated, flip-top, 30-litre kitchen garbage cans every day. So don't get down on yourself because you haven't yet done this. One day, if you work hard, save your money, and live right, it will happen. But, if it doesn't, that's even better.

To be honest, I thought our old plastic Rubbermaid flip top was just fine. But Jenn, as always, wanted to class up our place.

I will admit, when we got to the store and stood in front of that large selection of kitchen garbage cans, I fell prey to their siren song too.

"Oh, can we get a 40-litre can?" I said, daring to dream.

"No," Jenn replied.

That was entirely understandable since I hadn't provided any reason why we needed such a large kitchen garbage can.

Which is why I regrouped and laid out a more solid rationale for buying one.

"Think about it," I said. "If we get a 40-litre can, I can remove the bag, get inside it and pop out to surprise any guest you bring into the kitchen," I said. "It'll be fun!"

But just as I was reaching for that can, she said no again.

(See kids? This is a more accurate depiction of life.)

It was then that a saleswoman showed up and Jenn said, "Could we see those two 30-litre kitchen garbage cans on the top shelf please?"

"Don't worry. We're good for it!" I added.

With this confirmed the saleswoman got a ladder and brought down the two units Jenn had her eye on.

"I really like this one," I said.

"We'll take the other one," Jenn replied.

(Take note kids. This is the kind of stuff you don't see on Instagram.)

At this point, I expected the saleswoman to wait, while Jenn and I civilly debated our opposing viewpoints on the two garbage cans before us. But, boy, was I wrong.

Instead, that saleswoman, without any hesitation, correctly ascertained that I had already lost the battle and knew – I suppose from witnessing countless similar scenarios – that I never really stood a chance and was actually only there to carry the can Jenn chose to the cash register and car.

So, without even looking at me, she put the runner-up garbage can back on its shelf and we never made eye contact again after that.

In hindsight, this was not a bad decision on Jenn's part.

For our new garbage can is probably like something that Oscar the Grouch – with all his Sesame Street money – probably lives in. And since it matches the fridge and stove, it confuses me.

The good news is I have already warmed up to it. Mostly because I have discovered that if I put a peanut on its lid and step on the foot pedal hard enough, I can catapult that peanut into my mouth. So, it's not just there for show.

Sorry. That was actually 522 words.

pic *of the* past

Daniel Gorrie (1855-1941) arrived in Haliburton in the late 19th century and worked as a store keeper. Last week's Echo featured a photo from inside his store. This shop was located on the south side of Highland Street and included a farm implement department at the right. It was operated by Gorrie until the early 1900s when he built a new store farther east. This building was later renovated and enlarged and became Watt House, a boarding house. Photo and caption courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Museum. Pick up a copy of their coffee table book, Haliburton: A History in Pictures at the museum.

letters to the editor

Last week's letter was 'spot on'

To the Editor,

This is a follow up to the previous letter written (April) by Dave Love re: climate change. What he said was 100 per cent spot on.

I just want to say it is extremely refreshing to know that others believe & know that climate/weather will always be unpredictable. However, every person should try to do their part in helping reduce damage to the environment. Make sure their outdoors fires are out completely before leaving to avoid a forest fire, throwing out cigarette butts from vehicles, etc.

While we're on this subject, I've heard from a few people, over the years, that they wished their were restrictions with setting off fireworks in their area. Not only for the excessive noise, smoke (pollution) and the debris it does but how it impacts their pets, wildlife and others who are sensitive to the sounds of them going off.

Thank you.

Denise McCluskey
Haliburton

What's happening at Point in Time?

We are continuing to offer mental health and counselling supports in person at our offices or the Youth Hub, virtually via zoom or by phone. Point in Time office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and appointments are available as needed after hours as well.

The Youth Wellness Hub is open to youth aged 12 to 25 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 to 8 p.m., and the second Saturday of every month 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We offer Quick Access Clinics where individuals or families can be seen quickly by calling or texting 705-457-5345 to set up an appointment.

We are open for crisis calls from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and work with another agency, 310 COPE, to provide after hours coverage. We work together to ensure around-the-clock crisis supports. For after hours crisis support, please call or text 310-COPE at 1-855-310-2673.

April's Youth Hub activities include Thursday Dungeons and Dragons, Art Journal Peer Group, Karaoke, Litter Cleanup, Mindful Colouring, T-Shirt Making, Beading with Ashley and Megan, and tutoring and homework help every Tuesday!

Check out our April calendar on Instagram and keep track of all of our drop-in activities and events by following us on instagram @halicountyyouthhub!

Are you interested in tracking your child's development process? Our 18-month Baby Screening is coming to Haliburton on May 15. Call Point in Time to register 705-457-5345. Details for a Minden session will be coming soon.

The Haliburton County Connections Committee would invite you to a presentation and film by Dr. Sandra McNeil on Recovery, Identity, Resistance: Substance Use Recovery and Stigma in Rural Areas.

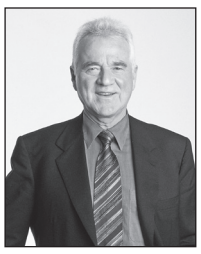
This free one-hour virtual event will take place on Thursday, May 9 at from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and strives to disrupt our assumptions about substance use, complicate current understandings of recovery, and promote social inclusion to eliminate stigma and discrimination.

Please register with Amanda at amandadl@pointintime.ca by May 6 with your name, contact details and occupation.

Submitted by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Want to fix the economy? Start by fixing our tax system



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Principles

FOR MOST Canadians, April is the time of year when frustration and anger over our convoluted, loophole-ridden tax system is at its highest.

For those looking for tax relief this year, there's not much hope. On the contrary, Canadians got hit with several tax hikes earlier this month, including payroll tax increases and an increase to the carbon tax levied on gas and home heating fuel.

Those hoping for simpler, easier-to-fill-out forms will also be disappointed. With each passing year, the tax system gets more complicated, with new forms and new layers of tax credits for everyone from remote workers to families who add a second living unit to their home.

Everyone knows the tax system is broken and needs to be fixed, but nothing ever gets done to make it simpler, fairer and easier.

Over the years Canada's personal income tax code has swelled in size and gotten more complex with thousands of mind-boggling passages like the following:

"Subsection 18.1(10) applies where (a) a taxpayer's particular right to receive production to which a matchable expenditure (other than an expenditure no portion of which would, if this section were read without reference to subsections 18.1(7) and 18.1(10), be deductible under subsection 18.1(3) in computing the taxpayer's income) relates has expired or the taxpayer has disposed of all of the right (otherwise than in a disposition to which subsection 87(1) or 88(1) applies)."

As the example above shows, the current tax system is far too tangled to ever unknot. It needs to be scrapped and replaced with something far less complicated.

In terms of personal income, I would create a dead-simple, black-and-white income tax formula with a clear progression in tax rates. Like the current system, those making more would pay more. The main difference, however, is there would be no loopholes or write-offs, and the tax rates would be much lower for the majority of Canadians.

Come tax filing time, to figure out how much you owe, all you would need are two numbers – the tax rate for your income bracket and the exact amount of income you earned.

The end result of this proposed reform is that our personal income tax system would be straightforward, clear-cut and easy to understand. Most Canadians would pay less. And because of the elimination of all exemptions, loopholes and write-offs, the very rich would end up paying more.

I would further overhaul the tax system by undertaking a number of other major reforms.

The most important of these would apply to small businesses, the main drivers of economic prosperity and job creation in Canada. I propose completely eliminating corporate income tax for small businesses with fewer than 300 employees.

For large and medium-sized companies with more than 300 employees, I would replace the current corporate income tax with a corporate sales tax and eliminate all deductions, tax credits and exemptions. The new tax rate would be somewhere between two to eight percent and would be applied only on annual sales.

The one guiding principle with all of these tax reforms is simplify, simplify, simplify.

The proposed reforms, if enacted, would also make our tax system fairer. Instead of doling out breaks to the rich and other special interests, the system would provide badly needed tax relief to the average working Canadian and small businesses.

If we want to get our economy firing on all cylinders, we need to first fix our tax system.

To learn more about how we can improve Canada's economy and increase living standards, email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

Author Bio

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and the Stronach Foundation for Economic Rights (www.economiccharter.ca).

Ted Brandon, left, announces the winner of the 2022 Rotary Car Draw, Brian Holden from Bowmanville, during Rotary's Homecoming Festival on Wednesday, August 4, 2022. Miss Teenage Haliburton County, Jocelyn Winter, drew the winning ticket accompanied by Haliburton Rotary president Ursula Devolin. /FILE

Haliburton Rotary Summerfest: A call for community partners

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is hosting a new, free, family-friendly event on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 4 to 9 p.m., and they are seeking community partners.

Haliburton Rotary has offered a summer fun day for the community for seven decades. Over the years, this celebration of summer has changed and adapted, going from parades and midway to canoe and swimming races, to water shows and fireworks. During COVID, this event was suspended and when it resumed, it was no longer possible to get a midway operator.

For 2024, we will continue some of the activities from the past, and introduce new ones. Like last year, the Rotary Club will provide a children's performance with free cotton candy and popcorn, followed by Music in the Park and the annual Truck Draw. Once again, Rotary's BBQ tent will offer Beef on a Bun and hot dogs.

Haliburton Rotary is also seeking community partners to host more children's games and activities from 4 to 8 p.m.. Businesses, clubs, associations, or individuals can set up and host exciting, free kid's activities in Head Lake Park. In all cases, partners would supply materials and staff the activity. Prizes would be optional.

Possible activities could be a sidewalk chalk station, a giant Jenga game, an obstacle course, a slackline course, fishing in the fountain, an egg and spoon race, a craft table, a dance performance, a musical offering, learn how to juggle station, a putting game, bubble blowing, etc. Partners can also pay to supply entertainment such as a bouncy castle or animal show if they meet conditions. The goal is to create a fabulously diverse Summerfest for children.

If you'd like to provide an old-fashioned or newfangled activity at Haliburton Rotary Summerfest on Tuesday, August 6th, prospective community partners can receive an application form by emailing ursuladevolin@gmail.com. The application will explain our insurance coverage, expectations, and instructions.

Schedule of Events

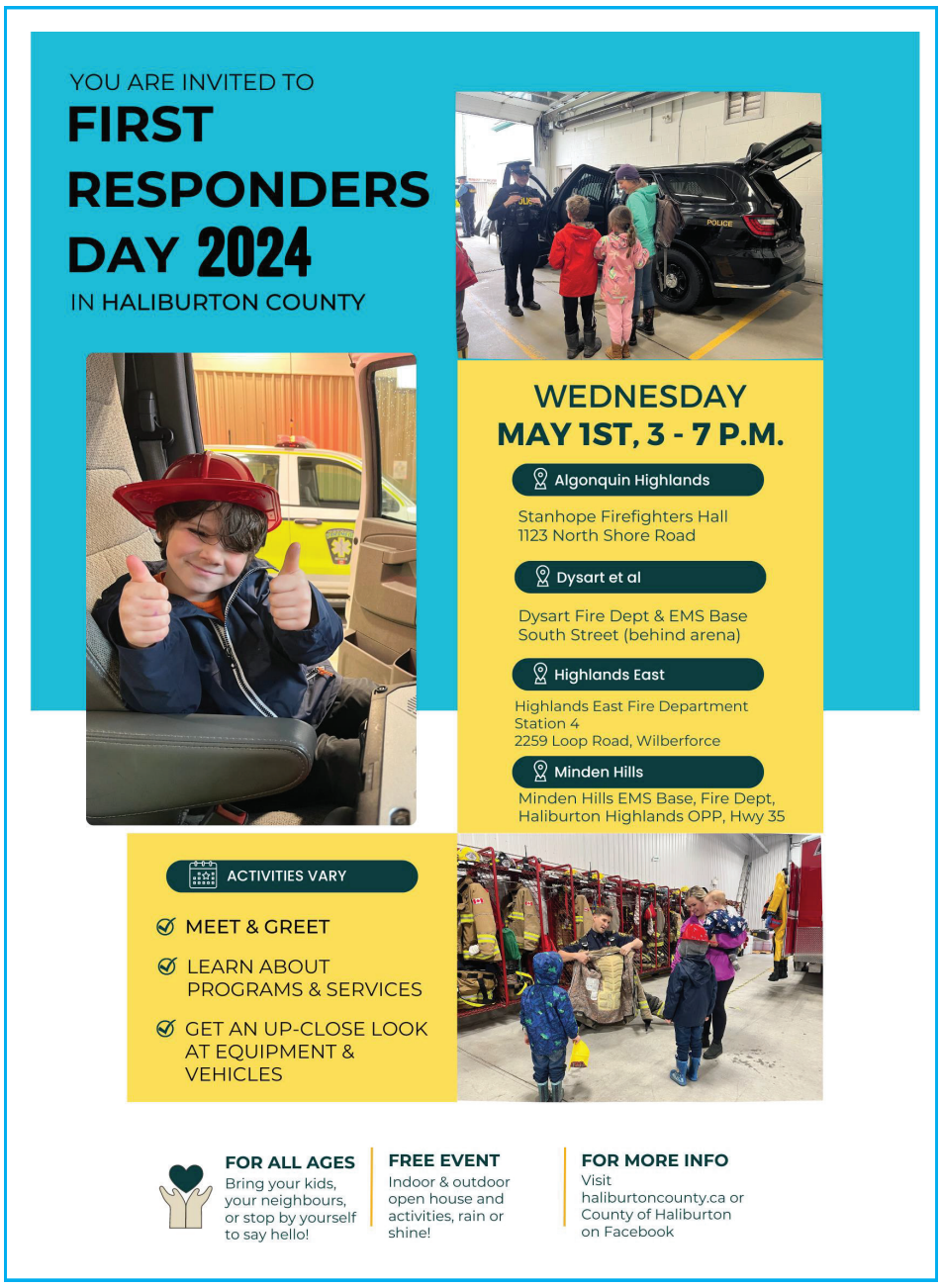
4:00 - 8:00 Old-Fashioned & Newfangled Games & Activities by community partners. Free cotton candy & popcorn provided by the Rotary Club.

Rotary's BBQ tent with be on site with their Famous Beef on a Bun & hot dogs for purchase 5:30 - 6:30 Children's Performance - The Stunt Ventriloquist

7:00 - 9:00 Music in Park - Jeff Moulton & Friends

8:00 Rotary Truck Draw and Rotary's 80th Anniversary Cake

Submitted by Haliburton Rotary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CFN dedicated to addressing county's pressing issues

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

The Central Food Network (CFN) has been devoted to addressing food and energy insecurity in the Haliburton Highlands for the past eight years.

Through various service projects, their staff and volunteers make the county a better place.

Tax clinics

Just last week, they were busy with their Community Volunteer Income Tax Program, a free program where volunteers gave assistance with income tax returns for this year's tax season in partnership with Canada Revenue Agency.

"For households struggling with low-income, every dollar is urgently needed to cover essentials like food, clothing, and utilities," says CFN. "While there are a variety of provincial and federal benefits that households are eligible for, many of these supports, such as Canada Child Benefits and Guaranteed Income Supplement, are dependent on tax filing. So we look at tax filing assistance as one of the tools to improve people's situations and reduce their need to turn to our other services."

The clinics are operating until April 29.

Call the Heat Bank at 705-306-0565 or email rachel@centralfoodnetwork.org for information.

Heat Bank

The Heat Bank helped 123 households in 2023 in Haliburton County heat their homes during cold winters.

"We act as a safety net 'when all else fails,'" says CFN.

They offer grants to give assistance with hydro, propane, or furnace oil, and also keep firewood ready to use throughout the county.

"But we do more than just respond to emergencies. We firmly believe that the best way to deal with an emergency is to prevent it from ever happening in the first place. And so we offer a suite of services, including service navigation, information and referrals, advocacy and financial problem-solving."

Ken Mott is the volunteer manager for Highlands East Food Bank and does all the driving for the Food Van Project. /Submitted

CFN helps identify supports residents can use such as tax and hydro credits, energy conservation programs, and more.

They distributed 81 loads of firewood to households in need in 2023.

Food projects

The Highlands East Food Hub in Wilberforce and Cardiff Food Bank are operated by CFN.

Cardiff Food Bank serves approximately 40 households in Cardiff, Highlands East by providing a wide range of food products, including perishable items thanks to their fridges and freezers.

The Highlands East Food Hub was opened in 2015 and works as a food storage depot for surrounding food banks for Haliburton and Hastings Counties.

"The Hub stores and distributes food that is provided to them by various suppliers, donors and food banks" says CFN. "Food banks often have opportunities to access large quantities of food for free or at a substantial discount. The opportunities also require the food banks to take a minimum order that is frequently in larger quantities for the current storage facilities or the types of storage."

The Hub is managed by volunteer Ken Mott. Mott also does all the driving for CFN's Food Van Project.

The Food Van Project transports food throughout the county through a grant and local sponsors.

"This cargo van is not only empowering us to reach more individuals in need but also enables us to better collaborate with neighboring food banks, maximizing the impact of our collective efforts at a time when it's most needed," said Tina Jackson, executive director of Central Food Network. "We are incredibly grateful to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Rotary Club of Haliburton, 100.9 Canoe FM Radio, and all our generous donors whose contributions made this project possible."

The majority of the food being transported is within the food bank network.

On top of all these projects, CFN volunteers have also made nearly 9,000 meals for clients in need of a nutritious, home-cooked meal.

For more information, CFN can be reached at 705-448-9711 or email info@centralfoodnetwork.org.

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Volunteer Week

Turtles Guardians volunteers find enrichment

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

A Blanding's turtle basks under a lamp at the Turtle Guardians. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

> *"[Volunteers] really feel it enriches their life because you get to do something meaningful and you get to interact with wildlife."*
>
> — Leora Berman, Turtle Guardians founder

In 2016, Leora Berman, cofounder and COO of the Land Between Charity and founder of Turtle Guardians, declared a turtle crisis.

"Turtles are so vulnerable compared to most other wildlife," says Berman.

"All the turtle biologists and conservation groups weren't really targeting kids, they weren't working with kids or community members."

"It takes them so long to replace themselves. Six years to replace themselves the first time. Now we have lost more than 70 per cent, the estimate is at."

"It's got something to do with climate change, but it's got a lot to do with development," says Berman. "So if we're gonna learn how to take care of this planet for our kids, then we've got to interact with nature, just look around."

"The largest development footprint across North America is for housing. It's not to meet a housing crisis, it's beyond what we need. Most people take for granted the native plants around them and the trees. Native plants are hosts to moths and butterflies and insects that feed the birds and the fish and the frogs and the turtles."

"We are always looking for balance, we are not anti development, but we find that development favours very few and doesn't support future generations. It doesn't think about the future," says Berman.

"As soon as you take away the base of the food web, the whole thing collapses. As the world gets richer, we're destroying it."

"It's been proven over and over that connecting to nature, going for a walk in nature is really important for our intelligence and our mental health. So we want healthy kids for generations."

Turtle Guardians conducts research across eastern North America and has chapters in the United States. In the future, it may even become its own charity, says Berman. Turtle Guardians is actively recruiting volunteers to assist in a variety of turtle conservation efforts.

"We do research in terms of turtle populations. Hot spots where they are injured, we install mitigation measures, so ecopassages to move turtles. We install specialized fencing to puss turtles through culverts that are large enough. We put up billboards and crossing signs and then we mobilize community members to be on the scene to patrol roads, to monitor wetlands, and advocate for protecting those wetlands. Turtles are very fixed to their homes, they don't adjust easily or quickly."

Turtles in cottage country have to cross roads about 12 times per year, says Berman. In a perfect world. Turtle Guardians strive to be there to assist turtles in crossing the road safely. Crossing the road is very dangerous and is another huge factor in the decline of turtle populations.

"A turtle can lose 70 per cent of its blood and still survive. Never assume that a turtle is dead," says Berman. Intentionally hitting a turtle comes with a hefty fine and potential jail time.

Turtle Guardians offers adult training workshops to teach people how to handle turtles and gain insight to what they are thinking. A variety of training workshops including nest sitter training will be coming up for Turtle Guardians. Turtle Guardians will be open for tours soon.

"We have about 100 people a day that come through here. We have a whole summer of turtle camps for kids and stuff for toddlers like tiny tots turtle time and snake camp. We run about five different camps," says Berman.

"The really cool thing about the volunteers is we have so many families that volunteer as a family. So the adults will sign up and register and the kids if they register, they have to have an adult. When the family registers, they can have a team name and have friends that join that team," says Grace Wiley, head of Turtle Guardians.

People from all over volunteer with Turtle Guardians, including some folks going through cancer remission and legionnaires from Haliburton.

"They really feel it enriches their life because you get to do something meaningful and you get to interact with wildlife. When you get to work with another soul on that level, it's a privilege," says Berman.

"The really cool thing about turtle work in general is, it's an instant reward in gratification. When you help a turtle cross the road, you know you've done an amazing thing. For nest sitters, if baby turtles are successfully hatched in the incubator, people are invited back to watch the hatchlings get released.

"What other thing do you do where you get this amazing reward of meeting the babies that you've saved," says Wiley.

"They're ancient, they're mysterious, they're endearing. To interact with such a sacred being is amazing," says Berman.

"They're also so weird," says Wiley. "Like the butt breathing, they breathe through their butt in the winter."

"The turtles are out and we've seen them basking," says Berman. "We've just got a report of a Blanding's turtle which is starting to migrate, which is a month early." If the turtle is out and there is another drop in temperature, it is possible the turtle can be cold stunned and easily available to predators.

If you see a turtle crossing the road or a turtle nesting, Turtle Guardians has a hotline where you can report it at 705-854-2888.

The Land Between also hosts other programs to connect kids to nature including Moth Monitors and Bird Buddies. Other initiatives include monitoring snakes, planting meadows, and restoring shorelines, says Berman.

"We're very inclusive," says Berman. 'We are really happy to work with all facets of this community to save turtles and also find solutions."

"Volunteering is really rewarding, especially when you are working with animals," says Wiley.

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Volunteer Week

Lions volunteers aim to make a difference

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Every Lions member knows what it means to volunteer their time for the betterment of the community.

They do it because they love it and have found a perfect place to use their skills within the club.

Gail Stelter has been with the Haliburton and District Lions Club for the past 10 years.

"It's really important for people to give back to their community and to find the niche that works best for you. You see that with all of the wonderful volunteers," she said.

Stelter said her desire to help comes from childhood, like many others.

"In adulthood, we can do that best by looking around in our community and seeing where the needs are and where you can make a difference.

"The beautiful part about the Lions is that there are so many different avenues for volunteering."

Stelter highlighted three projects she's offering a hand in this year.

The first is the Enchanted Forest at Abbey Gardens.

Each year, the Haliburton and District Lions provide additions or replacements to a part of the magical outdoor playground for children to learn and explore.

The Haliburton and District Lions Club delivered children's books, Tonka trucks, and plastic cutlery for the Enchanted Forest at Abbey Gardens on July 13, 2022. Each year for the past three years, the club donates items for their Enchanted Forest Service Project to help keep the space full of activities for children. /FILE

"The second thing I'm passionate about is offering assistance for those facing childhood cancer," Stelter said.

She is the point-person for families seeking extra help during difficult times.

Lastly, the Stories in the Park Fun Fair remains one of Stelter's favourite Haliburton Lions' projects.

"That's where we bring the community together on the last Wednesday of August and we provide every child with a free book, we read stories, we have activities, we have wonderful community partners and sponsors, and we just provide a beautiful time for kids in the park focused on literacy. It's just a lovely afternoon."

The club also provides a free hot dog lunch to attendees.

These are just a few of the many events and initiatives the Haliburton and District Lions Club takes on each year in Haliburton County.

Their next upcoming event is their Walk for Dog Guides and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 18 at 235 Highland Street in Haliburton.

All proceeds go to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides which provides service dogs to individuals with disabilities.

To learn more about the Haliburton and District Lions Club and for a full list of programs, visit www.haliburtonlions.com.

Contact club president Tina Hadley for joining information at tiger63@gmail.com.

"The Haliburton Lions are people of good will with good hearts," Stelter said. "They find the needs of the community and fill those gaps. When I first started with the Lions, I was so impressed and so warmed by the goodness that permeates everything they do. We're here to help. How can we help?"

Laurie Scott, MPP
Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock

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Volunteer Week

Student volunteers bring generations together

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For their contributions, volunteers are the chocolate chips in life's plain pancakes.

Whatever the cause or the organization, volunteers of all ages selflessly give hours in service that contributes to a community. And they start early at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Interact clubs bring together young people 12 to 18 years old to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of service above self. Participation works hand-in-hand with the school's leadership class.

"In both Interact and the Leadership class, students learn the importance of helping others and how to help create the community that they want to see," said Christine Carr, a teacher at the school.

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year. One project that helps participants' school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

Rotary club sponsors volunteer mentors and guides Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

According to the Rotary Clubs website, participants get to connect with community leaders to take action to make a difference in their school and community.

The program opens doors to the discovery of new cultures and promotes international understanding which seasons a young person toward becoming a leader in school and community.

"Students learn how to plan, organize, and implement initiatives and work towards creating and achieving their goals," Carr said.

Students decide in both Interact and Leadership class the areas in which they want to focus and create initiatives to help achieve their goals.

"That means that they learn how to organize an event from the very beginning, when it is just an idea, to the end result, when they can see the good that they have accomplished," she said.

"Through volunteering their time and efforts, they learn how they can make a direct impact on their school and community."

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One of the initiatives Interact club students brainstormed at the semester's start was Extendicare. They considered such issues as raising awareness about homelessness in the county, awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and supporting intergenerational initiatives.

Carr said the topic of intergenerational initiatives came about when student Elizabeth Matthew attended and spoke at the Aging Together as a Community Conference in January at Pinestone Resort. She spoke about the creativity and community involvement of local youth.

Then the Interact students decided one way to encourage intergenerational connections was to volunteer their time at Extendicare.

"The students are looking forward to visiting a couple of times over the semester to volunteer in different ways," Carr said.

Students will read to the residents of the long-term care facility. And soon they'll help clean up its courtyard area.

Carr said she's a strong supporter of volunteering within a community. There are many amazing programs and initiatives happening throughout Haliburton County that are run and organized by volunteers.

"Without these efforts, our community would not be the place it is today," she said. "I like seeing students getting involved as they can see how they, themselves, can have a direct impact on making their community a better place and will hopefully continue volunteering into the future."

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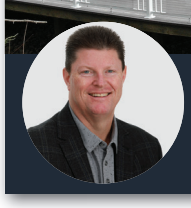

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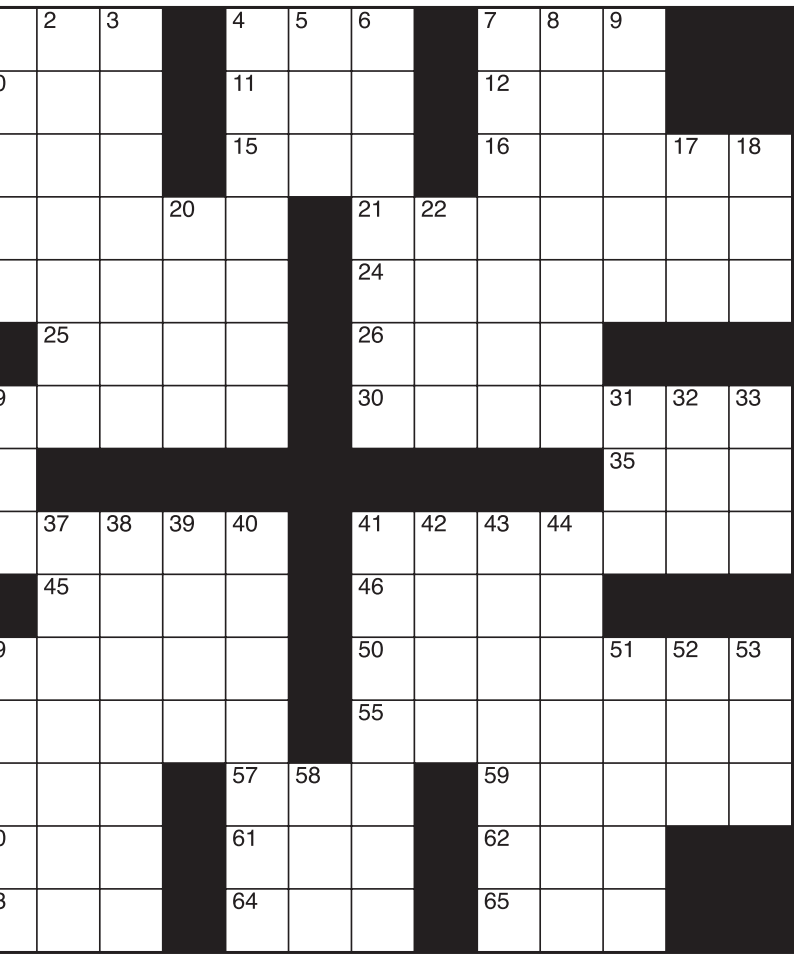

CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast
4. For each
7. Airborne (abbr.)
10. Photographs
11. They __
12. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
13. Monetary unit
15. Cool!
16. A son of Jacob
19. Cut off
21. Devour
23. Agent of one's downfall
24. Best
25. Network of nerves
26. Partner to "oohs"
27. Origins
30. Sewing utensil
34. Alias
35. Swiss river
36. Greek mythological figure
41. Type of whiskey
45. Lay to rest
46. "Rule, Britannia" composer
47. Select jury
50. Feeling
54. Action regarded as morally wrong
55. Makes angry
56. Act incorrectly
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. Class of escort aircraft carrier
60. To what degree
61. Buzzing insect
62. The human foot
63. "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
64. A place to stay
65. Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary muscular contraction
2. Earnest
3. Cuts out surgically
4. Can't move
5. Baseball stat
6. British soldier
7. Traditional medicine plants
8. Political party controlled by managers
9. Hebrew prophet
13. Supporter
14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
17. Liberty Mutual mascot
18. Georgia rockers
20. A place where building is done
22. Large, deep-bodied fish
27. Clothing retailer
28. Supplement with difficulty
29. Annoy constantly
31. Founder of Babism
32. Indigenous person in parts of Asia
33. Sea eagle
37. Leave behind
38. Time of day
39. Colorless crystalline compound
40. They lay out course requirements
41. A diamond has three
42. Algerian coastal city
43. Remove cover
44. Rechristened
47. Distinctive practice
48. Defunct phone company
49. Turkish officer of high rank
51. Eliminate from the body
52. Witness
53. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Founding Father Franklin

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Jams at the Legion

The Haliburton Legion hosted an Open Stage night featuring Ken Loney, Linda Love and Jim Love and hosted by David Boloten on Saturday, April 13. They've been playing together since 2016. "The band plays a mix of original tunes by Juno nominated songwriter Jim Love and as well as cover tunes from a variety of songwriters and performers," read a press release. The Open Stage night allowed 13 more performers to show off their talent. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

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AGING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY
Key Findings from Community Research on Aging

From January - March 2024, Aging Together as Community worked with researcher Kat Schouten and U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research to understand the strengths and challenges of aging in Haliburton County. Below is a summary of the methods and findings of the research.

Background

In Haliburton County there is a growing aging population who are looking for resources that will allow them to age in place and age healthily. Aging Together as Community, was formed to mobilize Haliburton County in conversations around aging, fighting ageism and co-creating community supports for seniors.

Research Questions

1. What existing services/resources are currently available to seniors in Haliburton County?

2. What are the challenges seniors face in accessing and utilizing the available services/resources they need to age healthy?

Methods

In Depth Interviews: 9 In-Depth Interviews: 40 minutes in length and conducted with seniors. They spoke about their experience aging here as well as their roles as care partners and services providers in the community.

Survey 1: Seniors: 164 Respondents: This survey was launched and distributed at the Aging Together as Community Conference on January 27th. All respondents live full time in Haliburton County.

Survey 2: Service Providers: 14 Respondents: This survey was launched and distributed through the Aging Together as Community Steering Committee and shared with service providers in the county.

3 Key Findings

i. Why Age Here?

Even as the list of challenges continues to extend, these are three main pillars of why people want to age in Haliburton County.

1. **Welcoming & Friendly Community**
2. **Many Organizations to Get Involved With**
3. **The Natural Environment**

*"This was always a very responsive community. When something happened - if there was a flooding. The whole community would come together to help and that is a wonderful thing. It made a very powerful impact on us – **it's what kept us here and it's what keeps us here."** – Senior, Haliburton County*

ii. Asset Based Map

Throughout the interviews and surveys, over 300 community 'assets' were documented. An asset is a service, event, club, organization or place that a senior uses to age healthy physically and mentally.

Asset Maps Categories
Arts & Culture · Care Partner Supports · Events · Health Care Resources · Organizations · Physical Activities · Support Services · Volunteering Opportunities

iii. Challenges for Aging

1. Affordability & Isolation: Haliburton has some of the highest rates of poverty and with rising costs seniors with lower incomes are experiencing high barriers to access the necessities for healthy aging.

2. Social Connection: Many seniors are deeply engaged in the social activities in Haliburton County, however, this is not true for everyone. Getting involved helps to make sure that people are connected to their communities and helps them know where to turn when they need help. Without this connection many are lost.

3. Health Care: The lucky few with access to a family doctor rave about their great experiences. Those without doctors, try to figure out how they can avoid the healthcare system as much as possible. When PSWs or specialists are needed, they are unaccessible leaving seniors, care partners and neighbours struggling to fill in the gaps.

4. End of Life Planning: Seniors want to understand their options when it comes to having a good death and want the tools to have end of life planning discussions with their families, especially around MAID.

5. Housing & Neighbourliness: Seniors who want to age at home struggle to find supports to age in place. Neighbours who used to help with small tasks around the home, seem to not have time anymore and paid supports are unreliable. Seniors want to understand what types of housing are available to them and understand if there are alternative housing models to support them in aging healthily.

6. Transportation: 'We are still okay because we can drive', was a common statement from seniors. As soon as seniors lose their ability to drive, their ability to socialize, access groceries and access healthcare declines quickly. There is a need for consistent, affordable and accessible transportation options.

7. Mobility & Accessibility: As seniors become less mobile, some of their favourite businesses, public spaces and events start to become inaccessible as they aren't designed for wheelchairs or for safe walking. Seniors dream of towns that are walkable, accessible and fall proof through all the seasons.

Want to Get Involved?

Join Aging Together as Community's Mailing List or Facebook Group Today!

- Email: agingtogetherhc@gmail.com
- Facebook: Aging Together - Haliburton Highlands

Highlands welcome Scottish country dance society

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Scottish Country Dance Society got their start at this year's Robbie Burns Night in January. They're currently seeking more Highlanders to join in the fun. /FILE photo

Haliburton is littered with rich connections to the history of Scotland. The term Haliburton Highlands alone evokes connections to the Scottish Highlands. Haliburton even has an official tartan that was registered in 1963 and designed by Ms. Patricia Jenkins of the Loomcrofter's Weavers in Gagetown, New Brunswick.

"There was a group here before my time," says Christel Furniss, partial founder of the Haliburton County Scottish country dance society. "A lot of the group was aging out." Furniss and fellow dancers including Victoria Bingham joined forces to form a group to perform at the Robbie Burns Night in January of this year.

Furniss became attracted to Scottish dancing after experiencing a performance in Peterborough.

"When we saw the dancing in Peterborough, they looked like they were having a great time," says Furniss. "We took to it like a fish to water. We both fell in love with it."

"Within six weeks, we put together a very complicated dance at the Robbie," says Christel. Afterwards, Furniss and others gathered names, phone numbers, and other contact info of those interested to create a Scottish dance group. The 10 dancers that performed at Robbie Burns Night remain members of the group.

The group has quickly grown, with a wide age of members ranging from 20s to 30s upwards to 60s and 70s. Dancers have joined from all throughout the County.

"Haliburton, West Guilford, Carnarvon, it's all over" says Furniss.

"It's a really great group so far," says Furniss. "We really hope to expand it."

"It's good exercise, both cognitive and physical," says Furniss.

"It is worldwide. If you look, you will find a Scottish country dance group," says Furniss. "It's been fabulous, absolutely fabulous. We laugh, we learn things, it's been really, really great."

In the future, the group hopes to incorporate live music such as fiddlers who would be interested in having fun alongside the Scottish dancers. Furniss hopes that when the weather gets warmer, the group can start dancing in outdoor parks and put on performances for the public.

"We talked about Rotary Park in Haliburton," says Furniss. "Maybe other parks in Haliburton County. You get some fame, new members, notoriety, and exposure."

All are welcome to join the group, either solo or as a group.

All are welcome to join, even solo dancers. "It is etiquette to dance with somebody else. You do not need a partner. That's one of the great social things. There are many in the group that come on their own."

The group meets at the Fellowship Hall at the United Church in Haliburton on Wednesdays. The group has asked for people to arrive at 7:15 to have the dancing commence at 7:30. Soft soled indoor shoes are required. Currently, there is a small fee per dancing session but the group is looking to charge a yearly membership fee in the future.

"Just give it a try. It is fun and it is social. It is exercise, but you don't even realize it."

"It's all inclusive, it's a safe environment and it's fun."

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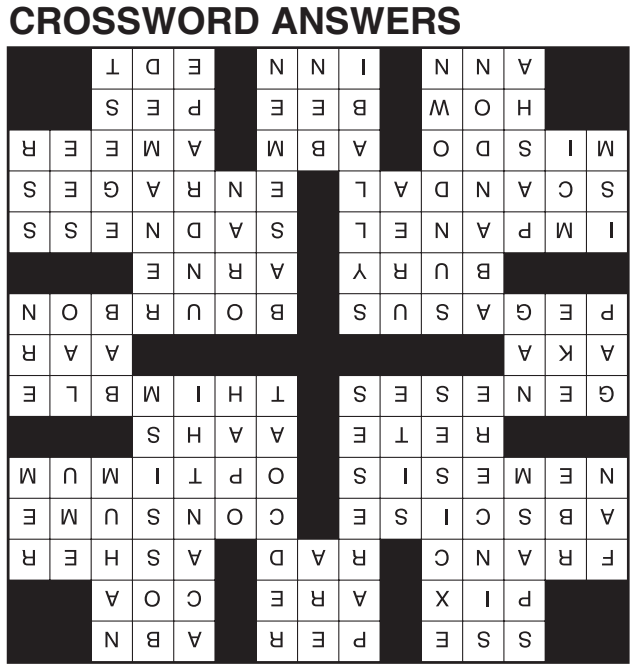

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Notice
(Applicant – Edwards/D'Aigle/Aquila)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Glamor Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, May 14, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Pt. Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 34, Concession 12, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 19R-10930 made by **P. A. Miller Surveying Ltd., completed January 20, 2023.** (Part 4 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 16th day of April, 2024.

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Municipality of Dysart et al

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The Music Room presents Don Ross

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

"This will be the second time I've played the music room," says musician Don Ross. "I used to live in Kawartha Lakes. I always get a really warm welcome. Mark and Craig are great at the Music Room."

The Music Room was started in 2023 by the trio Mark Christiano, Anna Lowes, and Craig Titus.

Ross says his current musical inspirations include Robert Glasper, Grégory Privat and Holly Humberstone.

Don Ross's latest full-length album, Water, was released in 2023.

"A lot of tunes were written when we were still living in Nova Scotia," says Ross. "I started a Master's degree, an MA. I had a great excuse not to travel."

The song 'Seabright' was written in the municipality of the same name, near Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia.

While most people know Ross for guitar, Ross does not consider himself a 'guitar guy' but enjoys the portability of guitar.

"There's an interesting eclectic nature of the music," says Ross. "R&B, funk, and soul music, it all seems to get in there somehow," says Ross.

Don Ross is currently touring with Kent Nishimura, a 21 year-old musician born in Osaka, Japan. At the age of 14, Nishimura became the youngest grand champion of the National Fingerstyle guitar competition in Japan.

"He's only 21, he's a bit of a wunderkind," says Ross.

In the last few years, Nishimura's YouTube page has received hundreds of thousands of subscribers with many fans from all around the world. Nishimura's music is primarily cover songs that are exquisitely done. A variety of songs from the 70s and 80s are played at his show like Steely Dan.

"He is well versed musically," says Ross. "He is a genius with the way he does his tunes."

This is Nishimura's first tour across North America. The pair's tour began in Sudbury and have tour dates in places like Sault Ste Marie, London, Montreal, and two dates in Michigan.

Making everyday Earth Day

"You hear the word ecology. That's a big science concerned with the total ecosystem, not just how we dispose of tin cans and bottles in our park. It's concerned with the habitat of marine creatures, animals, birds, man, and our goal is not just an environment of clean air and water and in scenic beauty while forgetting about the worst environments.

To restore a proper relationship between man and his environment, between man and other living creatures will require a long sustained political, moral, ethical, and financial commitment far beyond any commitment ever made by any society in the history of man. Are we able? Yes! Are we willing? That's the unanswered question." These were the words spoken on April 22, 1970, by US Senator Gaylord Nelson who founded Earth Day.

Marine biologist Rachel Carson, in writing her now famous book 'Silent Spring' (1962), alerted the world to the environmental impacts caused by the increasing and indiscriminate use of highly toxic and persistent synthetic herbicides and pesticides. Her courageous work helped to shape a growing environmental consciousness. Although she passed away 60 years ago this month, she clearly helped to set the stage for the very first Earth Day. What might Rachel Carson have said to us today?

"It is not half so important to know as to feel."

"The human race is challenged more than ever before to demonstrate our mastery, not over nature but of ourselves."

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature"

"One way to open your eyes is to ask yourself, "What if I had never seen this before? What if I knew I would never see it again?"

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us of the extent of our local and global inequality as the most vulnerable among us have suffered the greatest. This is also the case for polluted ecosystems and for our climate crisis which continues to present an ever greater overall threat to planetary life. Loss of habitat and biodiversity are exacerbated by global warming. For those of us primarily in the west, who've had the luxury of practicing social distancing and access to food, water, and shelter, we have shown that we can change our behaviour.

Maybe we're learning that our habitual and at times rather unconscious habits of mindless consumption, travel, and investment, which levy a toll on those we may never see, are not essential to our lives. While enjoying the luxury of the acclaimed western lifestyle, we do so at the cost to other human beings less fortunate, and to all other life with whom we share this amazing planet. This awareness could be the 'silver lining' within the dark cloud of the pandemic.

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Mary passed surrounded by the love of her family at Northumberland Hills Hospital at 88 years of age. Mary was born to Albert and Ethel Saunders and raised on the family farm in Wilberforce. After raising her family in Cobourg, Mary returned to her roots up north where she continued to develop her many talents. Over the last several years, Mary enjoyed the friendships formed within her apartment community in Cobourg. Always up for a project, she transformed a strip of land into a garden filled with colourful plantings. Mary will be forever missed by her children, Janet (Fred Swanson), Joanne McCullough (Tom Corneil) and Mark (Nancy Hompus). She was blessed with her grandchildren, Jesse Campbell (Dan), Ben Harnden (Stacey) and Matthew McCullough along with her great grandchildren Madelyn and Cole Harnden. Mary is now reunited with her brother Jim Saunders (deceased 2019) and is survived by her sister-in-law Mina Saunders and their children. Special thanks to Dr. Al-Ali and the intensive and palliative care departments of NHH for her care.

Visitation & Funeral Service

In keeping with Mary's wishes a Funeral Service will take place on Saturday morning, May 4, 2024 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior) at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. A reception will follow in The Community Room. Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. For those wishing to join the family virtually please follow the enclosed link. https://join.skype.com/m57em6troWu4 As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to a charity of your choice and would be appreciated by the family.

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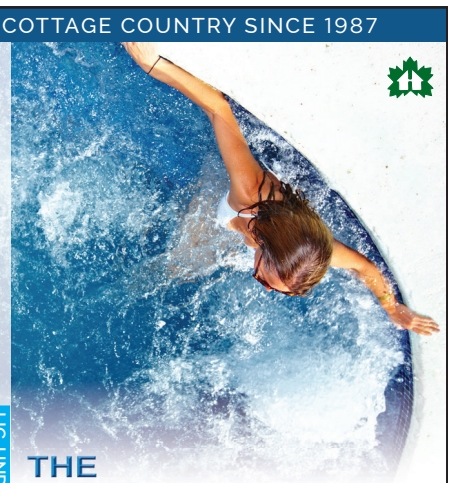

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HOCKEY

Duchene nominated rookie of the year

ANGELICA BLENICH
Staff reporter

It's the perfect end to a wonderful beginning.

Haliburton native Matt Duchene is one of three finalists nominated for the 2009-10 Calder Memorial Trophy for the NHL's top rookie of the year.

Voted by members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association, the nominees were announced on April 22, shortly after noon.

A centre for the Colorado Avalanche, Duchene was drafted third in the 2009 entry draft.

He's is up against Tyler Myers of Buffalo and Jimmy Howard of Detroit.

"It's a pretty big honour," said Duchene of the nomination. "Coming in this year it's something that I kind of had at the back of my head. If I had a good year that I could maybe win that trophy or at least be nominated."

The announcement was made just

See **Playoffs** page 22

Earth Day Yoga

Yoga enthusiasts took part in a special Earth Day class at Blue Sky yoga studio on April 24. The class was open to all and admission was by donation only, with proceeds going towards the Food for Kids program. Participants raised a total of $225 for the food program. Photo by Angelica Blenich.

HEALTH SERVICES

CT scanner makes doctors' wish list

JENN WATT
Editor

It is time for Haliburton to think seriously about buying a CT scan machine for the county, the medical advisory committee decided at its meeting last week and recommended the health services board undertake a feasibility study.

In recent months, between 70 and 80 per cent of patients transferred from Haliburton or Minden hospitals have been taken out of the county for scans with the specialized X-ray machine.

"That's taking nurses out of the facility, it's taking ambulances out of the county, it's bringing in nurses for overtime to cover the nurses who have left and it's delaying patient care in some cases just because of the time," said Dr. Steve Ferracuti, chief of staff to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board Thursday afternoon.

"We think from a clinical perspective it would be enormously beneficial for residents of the county. We believe that there will be a good business case for this as well," he said.

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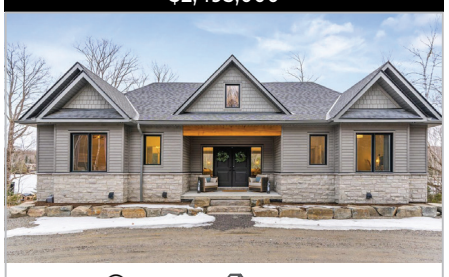

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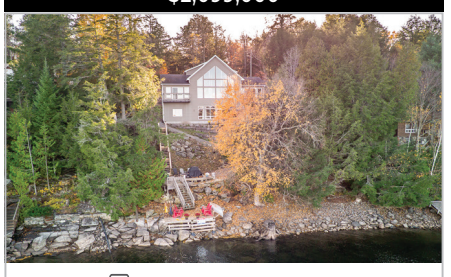

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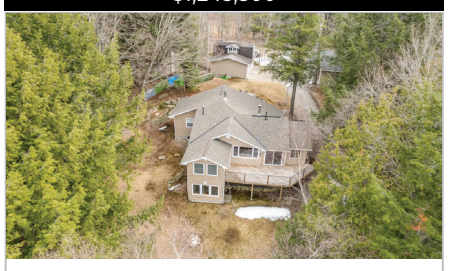

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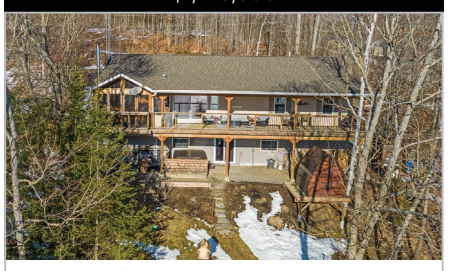

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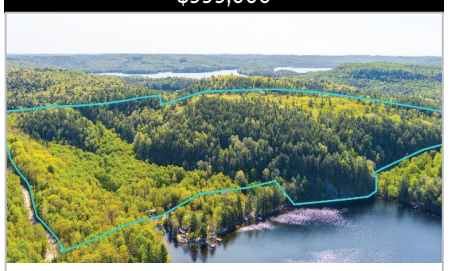

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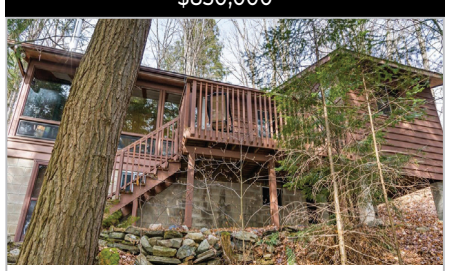

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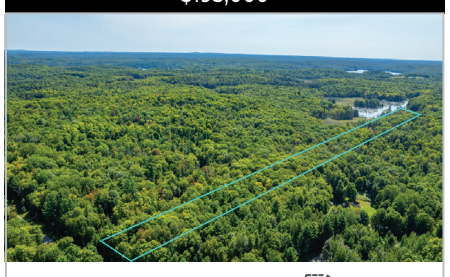

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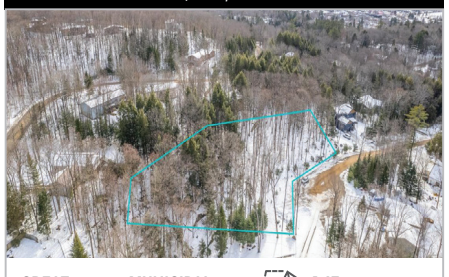

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